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AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship

Background

AWC Center for Quality Communities promotes municipal leadership development and civic engagement. The Center's goal is to help citizens understand the important role their cities and towns play in Washington. The Center is a 501(c)(3) organization.

The Center believes in educating student leaders who care about their communities. The Center for Quality Communities Scholarship supports senior high school students who are actively engaged with their community and/or city government and want to pursue post-secondary education. The scholarship fund is supported by people who are passionate about cultivating Washington's future local leaders.

Scholarships

Six \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to high school students who plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in fall 2017.

Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the institution. Funds can be used for education expenses and will be deposited directly into a student account.

Timeframe

Washington's 281 cities and towns begin recruiting scholarship applicants in fall 2017. Each participating city must forward the completed application form of one nominee to the AWC Center for Quality Communities by March 10, 2017. Scholarship winners will be notified by May 2017.

Student eligibility & instructions

Students interested in competing for the Center for Quality Communities scholarship fund must be:

- Involved (or have been involved) with a city government and/or significant school leadership activity;
- Eligible to graduate from high school, complete home school or receive a GED in spring/summer 2017;
- A Washington state resident; and
- Plan to continue education in the 2017-2018 academic year at an accredited college, community college or trade school on a half-time or more basis.

Process

- Complete Quality Communities scholarship application form
- Complete the personal essay.
- Submit one letter of recommendation from a non-relative (can include a community leader, high school teacher, administrator or counselor).
- Submit scholarship application to city for consideration.



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AWC Center for Quality Communities Scholarship Fund Application form 2017

Please **type** or **print**. Illegible or incomplete applications will be returned.

1.	First name: _____ Last name: _____	
2.	Mailing address Street/P.O. Box: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	
3.	Best phone number to reach you: (_____) _____ Email: _____	
4.	Current high school: _____ If home schooled, please check box <input type="checkbox"/> If GED, please indicate date received: _____	Number of years attended: _____
5.	Have you been accepted into an accredited post-secondary program or college for the fall of 2017 as of this submission? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, please provide institution name(s): _____ If not, please indicate the name of the institution(s) you plan to attend: _____ _____ _____ Proof of student enrollment from the school is required prior to the release of funds.	
6.	Career goal (please be specific) _____ _____ _____	
7.	Name and address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) Name(s): _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Primary phone of parents or legal guardians: _____	

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Please describe your financial need. Include any financial aid you will receive and/or any circumstances that would help the committee understand your financial situation.

9.

List your city, community and civic involvement activities. (No additional materials will be accepted)

10.

List your school involvement and academic honors and awards. (No additional materials will be accepted)

11.

Personal essay

On a separate piece of paper please write a concise response to the following question. Please submit your answer in Arial or Times New Roman 12 point font, double-space, and limit the length to two pages.

A sign of a good leader is being able to guide yourself and others through both good and challenging times, demonstrating high standards of responsibility, and showing commitment to community. Tell a story about a significant community responsibility you assumed or were given. How did this experience help you grow as a leader? How did the project impact others? What did you gain?

12.

Applicant checklist (send completed application packet to city for consideration):

- ☐ Completed application including essay
- ☐ Letter of recommendation - *From a non-relative*
This is separate from the recommendation letter from the city
- ☐ Completed and signed release form

Note:

Must be in good academic standing

Must plan to graduate spring/summer 2017

13.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Center's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at an accredited post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

Submit scholarship application to city for consideration.



Release and consent for use of name and image/photo

The purpose of this form is to request permission to use your photo/image and name in our scholarship program materials, website, and/or social media as part of the AWC Center for Quality Communities.

I grant permission for me/my child's photo/image and name to be used in connection with the AWC Center for Quality Communities' scholarship program materials, website, and/or social media, including any and all uses of video and any portraits, still pictures, or other photographic reproductions and sound recordings in which I/my child may be portrayed.

Nothing herein shall constitute any obligation on the part of the AWC Center for Quality Communities to make any use of any of the materials or rights granted.

I hereby grant permission and execute this release as of the date and year below.

Signature

Signature of parent or guardian
(required for minors under 18 years of age)

Printed name

Relationship to minor

Date

If you or a parent or guardian wish to rescind this agreement and remove your child's information or photo, you may do so at any time in writing by sending a letter to the AWC Center for Quality Communities and such rescission will take effect upon receipt by the Communications department.

If you have questions, contact Karen Tanner at karent@awcnet.org or 1-800-562-8981.